

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all previously submitted listings of claims:

1. – 32. (Cancelled)
33. (Previously submitted) An isolated polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) a polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule having SEQ ID NO:1 and;
  - (b) a polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to the complement of the polynucleotide having SEQ ID NO:1 under conditions of about 100 mM salt and in excess of about 55° C, wherein said polypeptide is capable of binding a human IL-B50 receptor.
34. (New) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein said polypeptide is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule having SEQ ID NO:1.